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These instructions replace the instructions in the Election Judge Manual

2016 General Instructions:

- 1. Any voter may ask to use the BMD. **Do not** ask why the voter needs or wants to use it or ask for proof that the voter needs to use it.
- 2. If a voter wants to use the BMD, offer to explain the accessibility features of the BMD.
- 3. Make sure that at least 2 voters use the BMD during day. If 2 voters haven't used the BMD by 6:00 p.m., direct voters to use the BMD until 2 voters have used it.

Processing Voters:

At Check-in:

1. In addition to asking the voter's name, address and date of birth, check-in judges must also say, "If needed, there is an accessible way to read or mark your ballot."

At the Ballot Marking Device:

1. Read the *Instructions for Voters Using the Ballot Marking Device* verbally to the voter before the voter begins using the BMD. **See Page 2**.

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Before a voter starts making selections on the screen, tell the voter:

- 1. If there are more than 7 candidates in a contest, touch "More" below the list of candidates to see the rest of the candidates' names.
- 2. If you want to go back to the other candidates' names, touch "More" at the **top** of the screen.
- You cannot go to the next contest until you have seen all of the candidates' names.
- If you want to vote for a person whose name is not listed on the ballot, refer to the instructions on how to write-in a candidate.
- 5. There are 2 ways to change your selection before printing your ballot.
 - In a contest where you can vote for just 1 person, touch the box with your new choice. It will be highlighted, and a green checkmark will appear. Your previous choice will be unchecked.
 - In a contest where you can vote for more than 1 person, touch the box of the choice you no longer want. The checkmark will disappear.
 Touch the box with your new choice. It will be highlighted, and a green checkmark will appear.
- 6. Review your choices carefully on the summary screen.
- These instructions are also printed. Show the voter where the printed instructions are.
- 8. If you need help, please raise your hand.

Before a voter starts using the audio component of the BMD, tell the voter:

- You must listen to all the candidates' names before you can go to the next contest.
- 2. Follow the audio instructions on how to change your selection before printing your ballot.
- Listen carefully when your choices are reviewed.
- 4. If you need help, please raise your hand.